**Educational Board Minutes**

**September 18, 2023**

**6:30-8:00**

**Meeting was called to order.**

Attendance: Absent Members include…Emily Amato, Cadence Kyser, and Megan Kyser.

Old Business:

Fair Booth—Was setup by Scott and had the important information about the Educational Board, but no one applied at the fair to be a possible candidate to replace Scott and Judy going off the board as of December. Scott also informed everyone that Advisory was suppose to do a wall with Educational Board, but never completed the portion of the booth.

Skill-a-thon—Dawn reported that Skill-a-thon was well for the year. For the future some ideas will be the banners for the winners. This will also cut down on some of the cost of the awards. All those awards were sponsored by Scott.

Dawn also mentioned that we need to have the early slots filled before we open the later spots for the Skill-a-thon. This would help on our volunteers who will not have to be there as late.

Other Old Business that came up including looking for sponsors for the skill-a-thon awards. Some of the same people have been getting asked for donations all the time, and are not we need to look at a list of the sponsors between Jr. Fair Board, and other areas to ask different people to help out.

New Business—

No educational opportunities were brought to the group. A follow up was submitted for one of the activities that we approved for this year. Jacki will follow-up with all those that received approval and ask for them to complete the form and return it to the Educational Board.

Jacki mentioned that we might want to possibly look at the idea of Skill-a-thon possibly replacing record books for our kids that are on the Winning Plan. This would need to involve a point system in some way. The books that did get graded by the Educational Board did have some letters that needed to be sent for a few reasons. Those included coping the information from previous year's books, and also off a sibling's book. Jacki mentioned that a few books are going more digital for the future. A question was asked about what other counties do with the books. Jacki mentioned that it is all over the place for other counties in regards to what they complete.

Educational Board Ambassadors—Scott mentioned that we need to do something fun with the members, as we want them to have a good time. Some ideas that the members present came up with included…Laser Tag, Paint Ball, Bob Fire, Rock Climbing, and or Escape Room. These will be discussed at the October meeting.

The Board Direction for the future:  After some discussion with current members it was discussed that the board needs to look more at the MOU sheets that were given out.  Members present were reminded that we will look this over and make changes in November for this board.

The board will look at the organizational purpose of the Educational Board through the document that Jacki gave to all members that were present for this meeting.  This is a topic of discussion for the November meeting.  Members are reminded to bring ideas for the meeting, and to provide this document with changes and ideas. This gives everyone plenty of time to start working on what they believe is crucial ideas for this board.

All members of the board are asked to bring for the October meeting ideas to help with regards to the ambassadors.  They were not really used to the best of the abilities of the members.  How can we help to make them the better leaders for the 4-H program?  We need to realize that some members that we accepted did not even show up to be a part of any of the events.

Jeff reported out of the shows that occurred at the fair and how things got rearranged and or cancelled due to the Mother Nature disaster that happened at the fair.

Meeting ended at 8:05.